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Testimony to the honorable members of the Judiciary Committee

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I wish to impress upon the members of the committee my opposition to this proposed legislation:

Raised Bill No. 1094 entitled:

### ***AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES.***

Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee, I would very much like to outline why I believe this "large capacity magazine" ban is both unnecessary and very unfair to the law abiding firearm owners in this state.

- Many sporting and hunting rifles come from the factory with magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds. Why is 10 the magic number and anything above it worthy of banning?
- There are several firearms manufacturers in this state, this ban would not only cut into their sales but would also tell them that Connecticut is really not a "firearm friendly" state. This would be one more incentive for them to move operations out of Connecticut and to states (or countries) that are more amenable to their operation. Job losses are something our state can not afford at all.
- Many pistols, including the majority of pistols that the police carry come from the factory with magazines with a capacity of more than 10 rounds. Why is it that the author(s) of this bill believe that the gun owners in this state cannot be trusted with this arbitrary number of rounds when gun owners in other states are?
- It takes very little time for a practiced shooter to remove a magazine and replace it with a full one. With a little practice any reasonably dexterous person could effect a magazine swap in less than a second. What benefit would there be in having someone stop each 10 rounds for 1-2 seconds using 3 magazines versus stopping once for 1-2 seconds with a 15 round magazine?
- Like all well-intentioned laws this will do nothing against the people it is hopefully intended for – the criminals using firearms. Since larger than 10 round magazines are available throughout the surrounding states and via online sources it would be easy for anyone to obtain and use them for criminal purposes. Since criminals by definition are prohibited from owning and

Every citizen has a right  
to bear arms in defense  
of himself and the state.

Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 15